

Good Attendance At Last H.K.R.A. Sunday Shoot For The Year: Fine Programme Arranged By H.K.P.R. Rifle Club

Close Results In "Belilius Shield" Competitions

The last Sunday shoot of the year was very well attended, a total of 122 members taking part.

The programme was arranged by the members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve Rifle Club, who presented the prizes, and the thanks of the Association are heartily extended to them.

The weather was glorious, with a somewhat puzzling wind to make things interesting.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The results of the competitions were as follows:

S.R. (a): Individual—200 and 500 yards, 10 shots to count.

Nett aggregate spoon—P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.R.) 86.

Best H'cap aggregate spoon—Mr. V. R. J. Merrett (D.R.C.) 76.

Highest Range Score—200 yards—P. C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.R.) 44.

Highest Range Score—500 yards—Sgt. T. Baker (1/Mx.) 48.

S.R. (b): Individual—200 and 500 yards, 10 shots to count.

Nett aggregate spoon—P.S. M. C. Hoo (H.K.P.R.) 92.

Best H'cap aggregate spoon—Sgt. F. S. Collins (R.A.F.) 82.

Highest Range Score—200 yards—Mr. W. Trenouth (D.R.C.) 48.

Highest Range Score—500 yards—Mr. H. J. S. Blake (D.R.C.) 45.

Fair Competition:

S.R. (b) P.S.M. V. W. Cooper (1/Mx.) 173.

S.R. (a) Cpl. R. Langford (1/Mx.).

Revolver:

Nett Spoon S.I. A. C. Chan (H.K.P.R.)

H'cap Spoon P/Sgt. W. Gowans (H.K.P.R.)

Teams:

S.R. (a)—First H.K. Police—468.

Second 1/Mx. Regt.—458.

S.R. (b)—First H.K. Police Reserves—524. Second "Kowloon Tigers"—511.

CLOSE RESULTS

Two "Belilius Shield" Competitions were decided and both results were extraordinarily close.

The R.A.F. beat the H.K.V. D.C. with 497 points against 496.

The Naval Range Staff tied with the Hongkong Police. On the "count out" the former won with 166 points at 600 yards against 165 points.

SEMI-FINAL

The semi-final of the "Belilius Shield" Competition, which must be decided by Jan. 31, 1940, will be between:

(1) The Naval Range Staff and H.K. Police Reserves.

(2) R.A.F. and R. Engineers

WEDNESDAY SHOOT

The shoot on Wednesday, Dec. 20, will be the last for the year, the next being on Jan. 3, 1940.

On Wednesday firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards spoon and practice, commencing at 145 p.m.

LEADING SCORES

The leading scores were as follows:

S.R. (b)

P.S. K. C. Hoo 200 500 Total 92*
Lt. Le Seelour 45 45 91
Capt. F. P. Sequeira 45 45 90

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BOXING—Middlesex Regiment events, Nanking Barracks, 7.30 p.m.

HOCKEY—Association Tourney, K.I.T.C. v. Royal Engineers, Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.

RUGBY—Army League—Royal Scots v. Royal Engineers, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

BADMINTON LEAGUE—B. Division, V.R.C. v. Recreio; St. Andrew's v. St. Teresa's; Kowloon Tong v. K.C.C.

BOXING—Middlesex Regiment events, Nanking Barracks, 7.30 p.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING—Spoon and Practice Shoot, 200, 500 and 600 yards, Kowloon City Range, 1.45 p.m.

RUGBY—Club "A" v. Navy "A" Club, 4.45 p.m.

Pictures taken during the A.E.F. exercise in Yau Ma Tei on Sunday morning.

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Schumann Trio 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano. "Top Hat" Piano, Medley (Irving Berlin); "On Your Toes" Piano Medley.

12.45 Hawaiian Music.

Slippery Fingers (Smack); Fox-Trot—Serenade In The Night. The Kea-Loa Hawaiian Players with Vocal Chorus. Beautiful Woman (Kahale); William Ewaike with Hawaiian Glee Club; Lili E (Kauila); Lizzie Aloha-ken with Royal Hawaiian Glee Club. Papalina Lahilahi (Noble); Ray Kinney (Vocal) with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawallians.

1.00 Local Time, Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Bobby Breen, Sandy Powell, Penelope Davenport and Harold Williams.

Vocal—Rockin' Chair (Carmichael); Chinatown, My Chinatown (Jerome Schwartz); Mills Brothers Quartet with Guitar. Vocal—Fisherwoman's Chante (film "Fisherwoman's Wharf"); Blue Italian Water (film "Fisherwoman's Wharf"); Bobby Breen with Organ accom. Comedy Sketch—Sandy and Family At Blackpool (Powell); Sandy Powell and Company. Piano—Sweet Devil—Film Selections—Penelope Davenport Vocal—"The Vagabond King"; Song of the Vagabond—Harold Williams and Chorus. "The Vagabond King"—Only A Rose—Doris Vane and Harold Williams.

1.10 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Cowboy; It's Got To Be Love (from "On Your Toes"); Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Tangos—Cara Mari; Monika—Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orch. Fox-Trots—Tap Your Toes (film "Jack of All Trades"); Celebratin' (film "Limelight"); The Krakalax. Fox-Trot—There Won't Be Any Spring (film "The Flying Trapeze"); Marie Louise (film "The Flying Trapeze"); Eddie Carroll and His Music. Fox-Trots—It Happened Down In Dixieland; Pagan Love Song—Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Roses In December (film "Life of the Party"); Fox-Trot—Put Me Behind Bars—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. To Beat The Band—Selection—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Waltzes—Where Are The Songs We Sang (from "Operette"); Dearest Love (from "Operette"); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Thanks A Million—Selection—Coronado—Selection—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Fox-Trots—A Foggy Day (film "Danse in Distress"); Nice Work If You Can Get It (film "Danse in Distress"); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

5.22 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Variety with Paul Robeson, Albert Sandler Trio, George Trippe and Others.

Vocal—Roll Away, Clouds (Virginia Weller and Tunbridge); Mammy (arr. Robeson)—Paul Robeson (Bass) with Chorus and Orchestra. Instru-Fairy Song (from "The Immortal Hour"—Boughton); Le Canari (Polka)—Albert Sandler Trio. Vocal—"The Sorcerer"—Vocal Gems (Sullivan)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Violin—Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates); In My Heart—Hungarian Melody (Mitsaki)—Georges Trippe with Grand Organ of the Gaumont Palace, Paris. Orch.—The Midnight Waltz (Amadio)—London Novelty Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The Hammer of God" by G. K. Chesterton.

A Father Brown thriller with Richard Gouldam as Father Brown.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time, Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

Narrative of the Torador (Turina); Cordon String Quartet, Granaditas (Albeniz); Danza 5 (Granaditas); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accompaniment. Cordoba (Albeniz)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Puerta De Tierra—Bolero (Albeniz)—Orquesta Sevilla.

8.30 Schumann—Trio In D Minor, Op. 63.

Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

9.02 A Song by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

In Chamber Separate (Der Opernball—Heuberger).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Postman's Knock."

Musical Comedy written by Claude Hubert, Paul England and John Watt; with music by Harry S. Pepper, played by Sydney Baynes and his Band. Cast: Claude Hubert, Reginald Purcell, Percy Parsons, Anna Winn, Harry Longhurst, Cyril Smith, Philip Wade, C. Dahler Warren, Jane Carr.

10.40 Dance Music.

COMING EVENTS

DEC. 19—Tides: High 1.07 a.m. and 4.46 p.m., Low 8.09 a.m. and 10.58 p.m. Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m. Memorial Service at St. John's Cathedral, 11-11.30 a.m. Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m. Claims against estate of Gaston Desmoulin due.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mistletoe Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge class, 10 a.m. Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg, 1 p.m. Speaker: Dr. G. A. G. Herklots "Mountain and Forest Scenes in Central Africa."

Anti-Aircraft Practice by 3rd Battalion, H.K.V.D.C. at Aberdeen Island, 11 a.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m. Fellowship of Youth, Christmas Party, St. Andrew's Hall, 8.45 p.m. Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Soldiers' Guild of St. George, Scan-dal Point Hall, 7.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Council Mtg, 6.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union Mtg, 3 p.m.

20—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m., Low 9.57 a.m. and 11.46 p.m. Sunrise: 9.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 7.45 p.m. Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m. Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m. Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute: Invitation Christmas Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's, 8.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowl: H.E.L.'s Team vs Taikoo Club, Govt. House, 3.15 p.m.

Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union, Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

8 and S. Home, House Committee Mtg, 5.30 p.m.

Cathedral Women's Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Hall: Exhibition by Erne Friedlander, 9 a.m.—8 p.m.

21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club, Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m. Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 6 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Servicemen's Xmas Party, 7.30 p.m.

Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

H.K. Y.M.C.A. Men's Club Tiffin Mtg, 1 p.m. Speaker: Mr. S. C. Leung, on "Recent Developments in China."

22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg, Speaker: Mr. J. E. Whitman "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg, 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vincez Singe and Wilhelm Maier and Co.)

Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.C.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanling Lodge.

24—Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.

H.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.

25—Christmas Day.

St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer, 26—Boxing Day.

R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwanti.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.C.S.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.

29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.

31—New Year's Eve.

Rizal Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.

(St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Eve Services.)

Football Shield, First Round.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Theological Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

Minigine rapid-fire melodrama with a searching psychological study, Columbia's "Blind Alley" will be screened at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow. It is one of the most outstanding screen hits.

The dramatic intensity of the new film is due, in part, to its sensational story of contemporary life; in part to its skillful and understanding treatment of a difficult theme; in part to the technical perfection of its cast, writers and director.

One of the most important roles that ever has fallen to that capable actor, Ralph Bellamy, is given to him in "Blind Alley." As the professor of psychology, he creates a richly shaded portrait.

Chester Morris, in the exacting role of the gangster, is another de-servingly plentiful plaudits. The part calls for a highly volatile brand of emotionalism, yet Morris never lets the character run away from him. He is vivid and colourful.

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Living Costs Rise In Shanghai

PURCHASING POWER OF CHINESE DOLLAR

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The cost of living in Shanghai continues to mount steadily, as shown by records drawn up by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

According to these records, the following increases in Nov., 1939 as compared with the average for 1938, are noted:

Food, shows an increase of 149.63 per cent.
Rent, shows an increase of 182.41 per cent.
Clothing, shows an increase of 115.26 per cent.
Fuel & Light, show an increase of 205.81 per cent.

These figures relate to native products only, imported articles rising in direct relation to foreign exchange.

The purchasing power of the Chinese dollar, according to these statistics, is 39.29 per cent of its value in 1938.

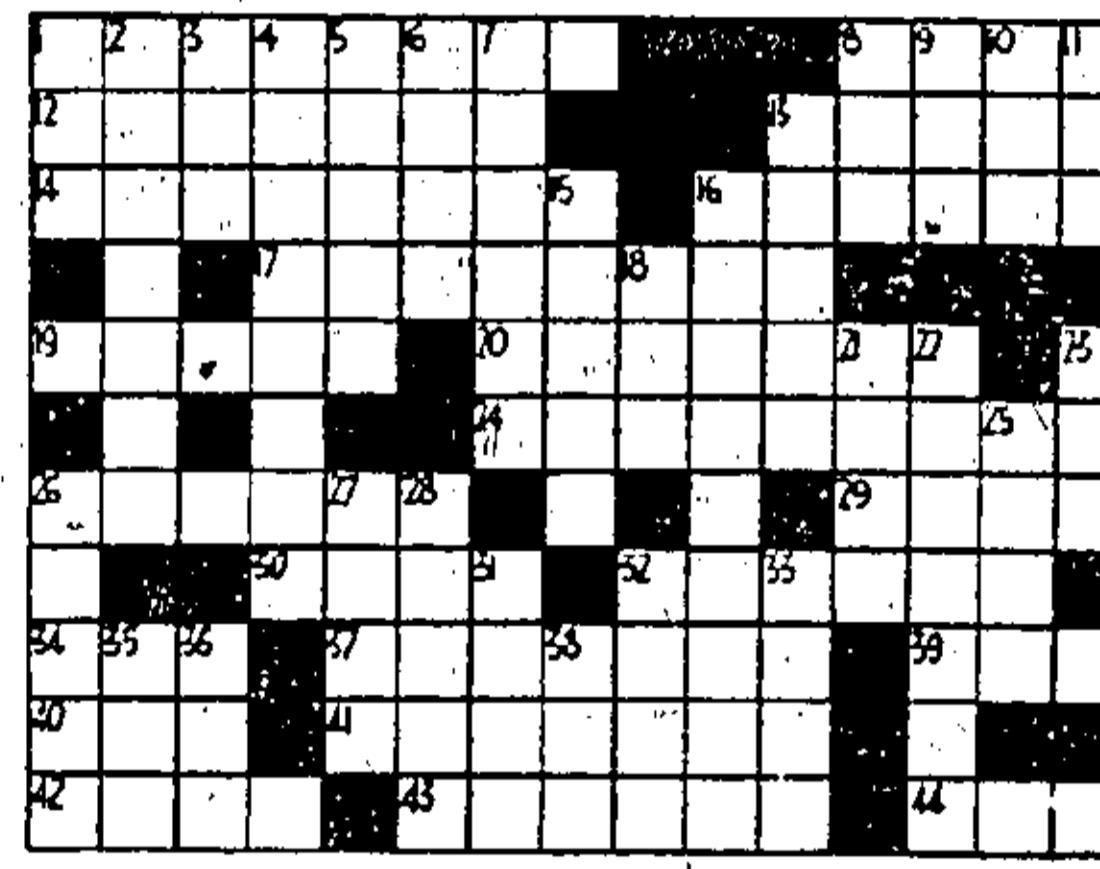
ANTI-CRAFT MOVE IN SUIYUAN

WUYUAN, SUIYUAN, Dec. 18 (Central)—Gen. Fu Tso-yl, Chairman of the Suiyuan Provincial Government, has launched a campaign to eradicate graft.

By his order an official named Ning was executed on December 14 on a charge of receiving a \$4,000 bribe on his tour to the Jeghe Cho League to inspect opium suppression recently.

Mr. S. C. Leung will address the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. Club at their tiffin meeting at St. Francis Hotel on Thursday on "Recent Developments in China."

CROSSWORD NO. 490



CLUES ACROSS

- Do it and you won't forget
- Get at or put down for a list
- Sport for sport's sake, he says
- May be added in court or thrown off on course
- A parental way of feeling
- Do again, i.e. do
- Landlady may not mince matters if boarders complain about these
- Colour
- I defied to be improved by so simple a change
- Need it not become a sort of confinement
- Right in the middle
- This one contains seven words, for example
- Next is leap
- He is in mess
- No woman appears before her
- Stupid to finish with one over the eight
- They start mending; however helpless they are
- Nail with head knocked off
- Sambo's safest policy for it might be sitting on it
- To construct—though it's half made to begin with
- One may post one for post if unemployed
- To the point, naturally
- Battering one may bring the house down
- Neat Mae will come out when she's changed
- You may wear out your welcome if you stand on this

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PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS OF CHINESE YOUTH

Elaborate plans have been mapped out by the Three People's Principles Youth Corps Headquarters in Chungking, and ratified by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Colonel of the Youth Corps.

The chief object is to call forth the patriotic sentiments of the Chinese youth.

Recently, an order has been proclaimed by Generalissimo Chiang to all divisions of the Youth Corps in various provinces to undertake this Spiritual Mobilization Movement. The period is extended from December 15 and will last for a fortnight.

THE PLANS

The plans are as follows:—

- (1) To preserve peace and order of the country;
- (2) To ameliorate the sanitary conditions;
- (3) To promote the propaganda work in time of war;
- (4) To help the Government to promote the conscription movement;
- (5) To promote the cultivation movement;
- (6) To exterminate the traitors and spies;
- (7) To give aid to the wounded soldiers and refugees;
- (8) To support the "winter garments campaign";
- (9) To render service to the forces at the front;
- (10) To help and educate the refugees.

PROPAGANDA WORK

Among the notable plans that have been already mapped out, the most important are the promotion of the propaganda work in time of war and the support of the "winter garments campaign."

To fully endorse these plans the Canton University English Club has done a great deal to make them a success. Besides, the Canton University Students' Relief Association has made elaborate preparations to raise funds to support the "winter garments movement."

AN APPEAL

Finally, the Canton University English Club ardently appeals to all Universities and middle schools in Hongkong to give their valuable assistance in order to make the winter garments campaign a big success.

HEROIN PILLS SEIZED IN RAID

Three Men Gaoled At Sessions

Charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, with unlawful possession of 39,190 heroin pills and 6474 ounces of heroin ingredients sufficient to make a further 64,750 pills, three men, Wong Wing, So Mat and Leung Sang, were each sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour.

A woman, Ma Lai, who was jointly charged with the offence, was recommended for mercy by the jury, and His Lordship postponed sentence in her case till this morning.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that the discovery of the drugs was made as the result of a raid on a hut in Tai Hang carried out by Revenue officers on November 3.

The woman pleaded that she was only the cook.

The jury consisted of Messrs. M. Beraha (foreman), Ip Fook-sing, M. Y. Krivos, W. M. Mehal, Fong Chin-chun, W. L. Cunningham and Lo Pak-him.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways: NORTHBOUND

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Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBBOUND

Thursday: Hanol, France.

Service—4 a.m.

Pan American Airways: EASTBOUND

Tuesday: U.S.A., Manila, Hong Kong.

China Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Wednesday: Manila, U.S.A.

China Clipper—8.30 a.m.

NOTE: Pan American Airways' China Clipper which was due to arrive in Hongkong yesterday was delayed in Manila and is now expected here this afternoon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY

A memorial service in commemoration of Lt. Cmdr. R. C. M. White and Officers and Men of H.M.S. Duchess, which was lost recently, will be held in St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. today.

High naval officials will attend, while the Army will be represented by Brigadier A. B. Thomson, M.B.E., Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General; Col. A. G. Neville, M.C., G.S.O.1, Major R. E. Moody, Staff Captain, and others. The Government is also expected to be represented.

ALLEGATION BY BANISHEE

DRAGGED ACROSS BORDER

The allegation that village patrofmen had dragged him across the border from Chinese territory, after he had refused to give them two rifles that he was carrying, was made by Wan Wah, alias Wan Shui-chuen, when he was charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that Wan was found in a field near Luk Wu Village, close to the border, by three village patrofmen. He was at the time walking from San Uk Ling to Takulung, and had two rifles with him. The patrofmen arrested him and handed him to the military, who later turned accused over to the police.

HAILED ACCUSED

Evidence was given, amongst others, by three patrofmen of Luk Wu Village, who said that they hailed accused as they thought that he had gone into the field to steal vegetables.

Accused's allegation that he was seized first in Chinese territory, and then dragged across a stream to British territory, was denied.

Without retiring, the jury, comprising of Messrs. G. B. Witchell, A. G. Suffield, Ho Chiu-tung, Lim Kim-chong, Tam Man-chu, Hanson Faung Shou-hwang and Tsui Ho-tseung, found defendant guilty. His Lordship then passed sentence of two-and-a-half years' hard labour.

By Dr. Scott, M.D., Paris

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Happy Children's Xmas Party Held In Kowloon

DELIGHTFUL FOR ITS INFORMALITY AND THE HAPPY SPIRIT THAT PREVAILED throughout was the Christmas Party of the Loloia Kindergarten held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. The sumptuous repast was kindly prepared by the parents and the kiddies had a very enjoyable time.

Gifts kindly donated by Mr. C. E. Terry were distributed by Father Christmas (Mr. A. C. Jeffreys). A nativity play, produce by Pauline Jeffreys, proved an unqualified success the players being Christine Offenberg (Mary), Christian Deveaux (Joseph), Anne Offenberg (Inn-keeper), Rosemary Orr (First shepherd), Jean Wallace (Second shepherd), Ikor Tomes (Third shepherd), Rosemarie Arndt (Angel), Jacqueline James (First king), Elizabeth Brailsford (Second king) and Jack Thomas (Third king).

Of the nursery rhymes presented, Sing a Song of Sixpence was the most outstanding. Wendy Duncan, as the Blackbird, Sally Gaby, the Queen, Ronnie Miller, as the King, Fiona McAdam, and the tiny two and three-year-olds, were splendid.

DANCE NUMBER

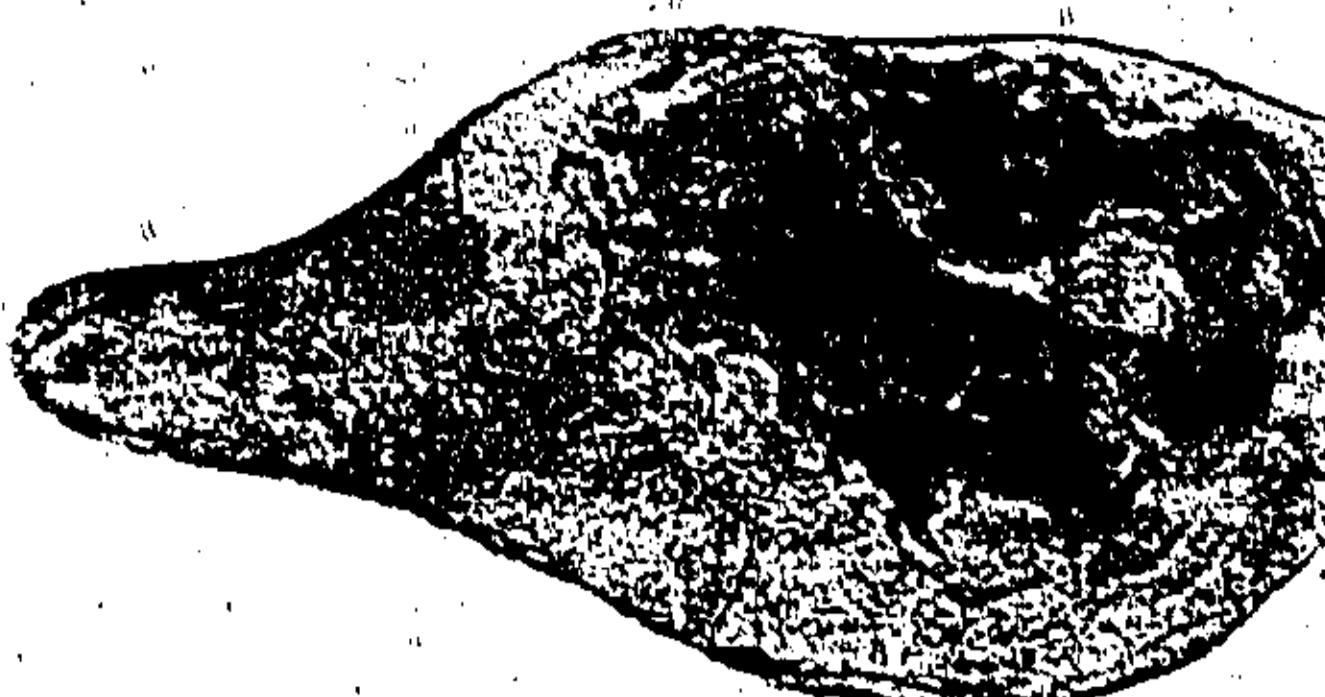
Rosemarie Arndt and Rosemary Orr, pupils of the George Goncharoff School of Dance, executed a number, kindly arranged by Mr. Goncharoff, with grace and skill and were warmly applauded.

Outdoor garden games also added to the success of the afternoon which was brought to a close with the singing of the following carols:—Away in the manger, I saw three ships come sailing by. Once a little baby lay silent night.

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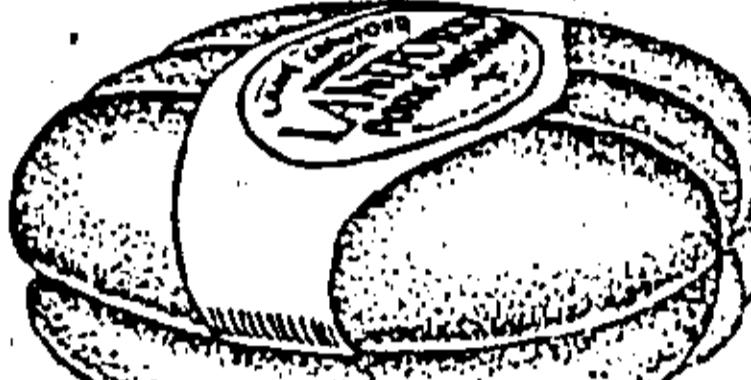
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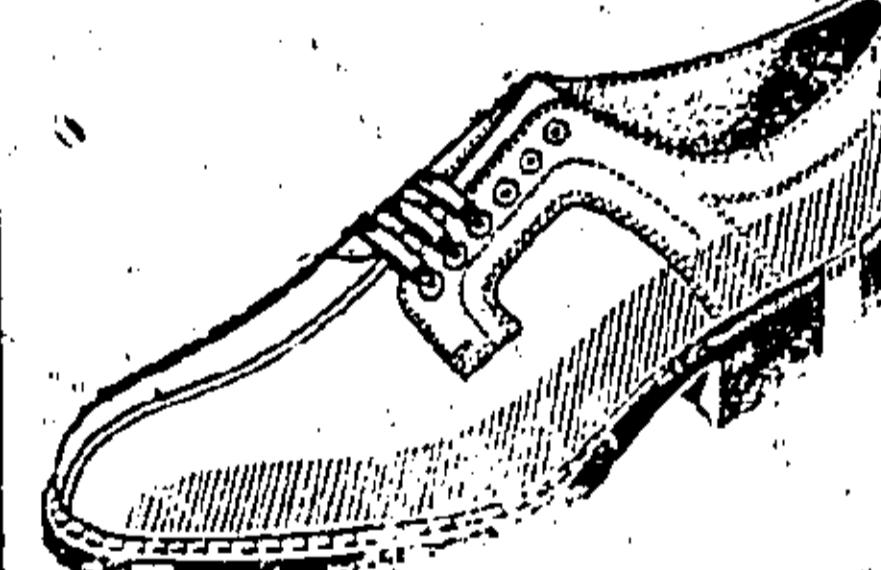
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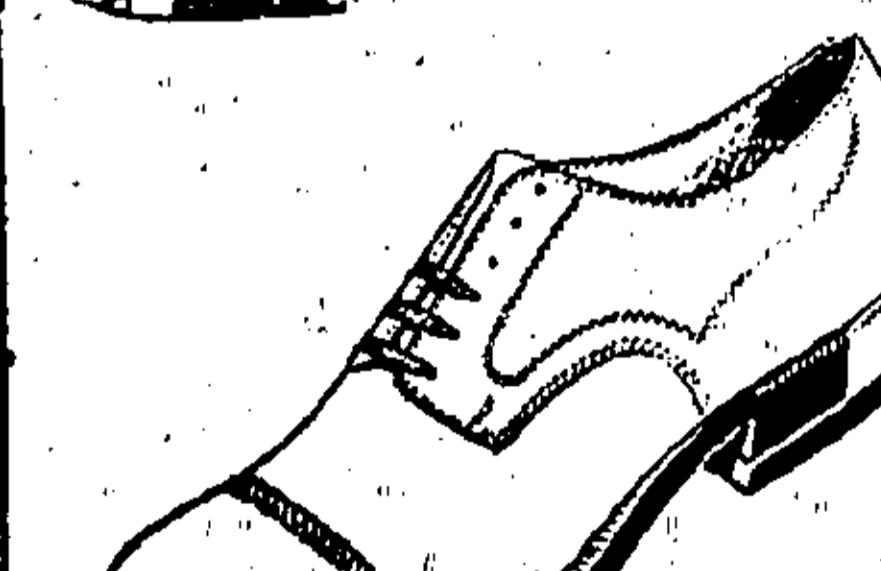
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 5th day of January, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 8th day of December, 1939.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that A L V E N A LAIHOVETSKY, L.T.C.L., of 233 Nathan Road, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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H.K. HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) on Tuesday the 19th December, 1939, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th Dec., 1939.

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ESCAPING
DEATH IS
FAMILY HABIT

A mother put her arms around her three menfolk in their home, and said: "I must be the luckiest woman in the world."

And she must be—because during the past month her husband and two sons have escaped death at sea by miracles. The mother is Mrs. George Bell, of Stead-street, Jarrow. Her youngest son, Joseph, aged eighteen, had walked into the house—the only uninjured survivor of the steamer *Hockwood*, sunk by a mine.

"Of course, I'm all right," he told her. "Aren't we always?" Recently Mr. Bell, Sen., was working in a ship. A metal plate fell. He turned his head aside—and the plate fell painfully on his toes. He was taken home. "Of course I'm all right," he told his wife. "Aren't we always?"

A month ago Mrs. Bell heard of the torpedoing of the steamer *Ledbury*. Her son George was one of the crew. He turned up safely. "All right? Of course ..." he said. —*Daily Mirror*.

Forty-eight hours after she had been sentenced to death at Tauton Assizes recently for murdering her five-month-old son, the Home Secretary has recommended a reprieve for Winifred Mary Watts, 19, unmarried, of Ashill, near Ilminster.

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges the receipt of 120 yards of cotton cloth for the interned Chinese soldier from the *Wing On Co. Ltd.* per Mr. L. P. Kwoh Acting Manager.

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NEW HAT IN
THE RING

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by Mr. John N. Garner, vice-President of the United States that he will be a candidate for nomination as the Democratic Party's candidate for the country's highest office regardless of whether Mr. Roosevelt will seek re-election or not crystallises a situation which has long been developing within the Party.

AS A REPRESENTATIVE of the "Old Guard" Democrats, Mr. Garner has long been an enemy of the New Deal and all its works. He has always opposed the expenditures on social security which, while bitterly attacked by American "Big Business,"

have made the present Administration so popular among the rank and file population of the country.

Of late, he has stood sponsor, despite his office, to many assaults upon the position of the President. A shrewd and unscrupulous politician, the "Old Man of Uvalde" has long been laying for himself a road to power.

ON QUESTIONS OF FOREIGN POLICY, the Roosevelt administration and its erstwhile Republican critics are today united. They stand for an interpretation of neutrality which favours the Allies in every respect, makes American industry the supply base for Britain and France, and at the same time implies the taking over by the United States of all the interests of these countries on the American continent. In Far Eastern policy, they are equally united on the necessity of presenting a strong front to Japan, and putting pressure on her to restore the "Open Door" and equal opportunity for American business in Oriental markets.

Whether this policy will also carry the active connotation of diplomatic support of China in her struggle against Japan's lawless aggression depends, however, on the further development of the situation in Europe.

SHOULD MR. GARNER BE ELECTED, a thing that is extremely unlikely, he would probably deviate very little from this general line, although there might be more reason to expect that the means used in pursuit of it, especially in Latin America, would be of a nature reminiscent of the McKinley era. The real difference between his administration and the New Deal would, however, be the discarding of the forward-looking social policy which has brought the United States, in point of social legislation, to the level of the European countries, most advanced in this respect.

IT IS BECAUSE the majority of the people of the country are well aware of this that Mr. Garner is not likely to muster any more support from the electorate than that forgotten man Mr. Alfred Landon, whom the President defeated so resoundingly in the 1936 election. The Democratic Party has probably made enough of a study of the causes of the Republican failure in that year to avoid making the mistake of putting into the field a candidate who cannot possibly take full advantage of the political capital accruing from the popularity of the New Deal. Thus, even if Mr. Roosevelt does not stand, Mr. Garner's nomination is extremely unlikely.

TANKS USED
TO CARRY
WOUNDEDTIME SAVED IN
LESS SERIOUS
CASES

The idea of making tanks do the work of stretcher-bearers would have seemed fantastic in the other war.

But a day or two ago, when on a visit to a battalion in the line, I happened to see the notion realised in practice, writes the Daily Telegraph war correspondent with the French Army.

The tank in question was one of the smallest of the breed. Compared with the original tanks which so much surprised those of us who were up by High Wood in the Somme in September, 1916, it is a Yorkshire terrier by the side of a wolfhound.

The French call these little tanks chenillettes. They are not more than 3 ft high. It is amazing to see how the little monsters get across rough country and how they climb.

Their principal business is to convey ammunition to the front line; and if they bring back wounded on the return journey, these must be patients in a state to put up with a certain jolting.

QUICKER THAN STRETCHER

My particular chenillette came in from a company aid post to the battalion medical officer with a who had been wounded by a grenade. Without going into details, it may be said that the ground was less favourable to stretcher-bearing than Hampstead Heath would be.

I do not suggest that conveyance by tank is ever likely to be the ordinary means of bringing in the wounded, and the man, with the grenade wound was probably glad enough to be transferred from the trailer of the chenillette into the motor ambulance which was waiting for him at the battalion aid post.

But he had been brought along in about a quarter of the time which a squad of stretcher-bearers would have taken.

STRONG MEDICAL SERVICE

The sector of the front I was visiting has been the scene of a certain activity, but here, as elsewhere, if casualties had been multiplied by 200, the medical service would still have been ready. What the French call evacuation hospitals, corresponding to the casualty clearing stations of the Royal Army Medical Corp, have been organised on an immense scale.

One name may be mentioned, that of the picturesque old Alsace town of Phalsbourg, which is exclusively occupied by the medical corps.

It is a town of hospitals. Gigantic red crosses on the roofs and in the courtyards and squares announce the fact to enemy airmen, and the place is out of bounds to the rest of the army.

The dedication of the town is perfectly well known to the Germans. Whether they will respect it in the heat of battle remains to be seen.

NAZI AIRCRAFT
CAMOUFLAGEChange For High
Flying Machines

Further evidence has now been gathered that the Germans have abandoned the ordinary form of camouflage for their high flying reconnaissance and bombing aeroplanes.

Among the machines brought down by British and French fighters on the Western Front have been several finished in a rare shade of blue.

Generally speaking a high flying aeroplane is seen as a dark silhouette against the sky. The colouring hardly affects its visibility for observers on the ground.

But a top colouring of the shadow-shading type used on British machines have a high camouflage value so far as observers in enemy machines flying above are concerned.

All camouflage covering tends to reduce the aeroplane's performance, first, because it produces an appreciable increase in total weight, and, secondly, because it gives a rough surface.

A fine polish, while aerodynamically desirable, produces the glint which must be avoided for camouflage. The Germans, however, seem to regard the small increase in performance as being worth the sacrifice in camouflage.

—*The Times*.

The excellent fellows we saw at exercise today being no longer than six months in quarters. Occasionally the officers find a man who never will make much of a hand at it, and he goes on to the mechanical side.

Obviously the appeal of the horse

remains in these days of tanks and motorized units.

EDITORIAL



Sir Frederick Leith-Ross,
economic adviser to the British
Government.

FULL DRESS
REHEARSAL
OF Y.M.C.A.
PANTOMIMEWITTY DIALOGUE
IN "ALI BABA"

The dress rehearsal of the European Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club pantomime, "Ali Baba," was held yesterday evening before a capacity audience, whose prolonged laughter and applause may be accepted as a worthy enough recommendation.

The locality of Baghdad in this version of the Arabian Nights tale is given as being in the vicinity of Wanchai and Macao, but travel by Imperial Magic Carpet airliner must indeed make this possible.

The music and the dances are delightful; the performers polished in their Arabic; the dialogue as witty as it can be. Particularly adept have been the writers of this in their homely references to things that are of Hongkong.

A MUSICAL!

Thus when Fatima and her son, Euclidean, relate to the children the story of Cinderella, it becomes the latter to compare the plight of this heroine to that of a musical, and an unregistered one at that!

Deserving of mention, among the lesser attractions, are Hoey, Looey and Doey, three Arab policemen who have to be seen to be believed. One, when he is not sleuthing, wears proudly the quite familiar notice, if in letters of exaggerated size, "English Speaker."

The principal boy, Ali Baba, is played by Anne Organ, and the leading lady, Princess Morgiana, by Phyllis Kirby. An impressive Sultan Ahmed el Eaksheesh is Bill Kirby, while Helen Lockhart, as the Sultana, sinks well.

Pauline Strange and Audrey Oakenthal appear in specialty dances. The play is produced by Major W. de B. Wood, who should be well pleased with the result of his weeks of effort.

RECREATION CENTRE

The owner's lady has lately turned the strong room into a recreation centre for their use, and has equipped it with pingpong tables, writing desks, armchairs, and other comforts with none of the makeshift air about them which one sees elsewhere.

In such surroundings it must even be pleasant to begin the day at six, for the men have to be at morning stables within the half hour. They breakfast at 7.30 and go on mounted parade until 11. More stables, then dinner, and after that the afternoon parade.

Another taste of the eternal grooming and then tea comes at 5.30 to release them for the evening. Such is the trooper's day.

Doubtless it has its disadvantages in unkindly weather. Today we saw some of it in ideal conditions.

Over the sunlit grassland came small sections, scattered as the regulation order in their care to ensure that air attack shall not catch sections massed together.

They gave us some of the formation drill and scattered turf behind them in a howling charge swords in line, that might have come out of a nightmare. They rode in gas-masks, hot and steaming probably on such a fine morning, and one learned that a mask has been designed for horses, but it is not yet in supply.

MOUNTS WELL CARED FOR

They sent some of their number to jump for us, among them a youth who years ago set up a new record of 7 ft. 5 in. at the International Horse Show. He then rode a horse called Swank. Today he was not so unusually mounted, but his horse, like the others, was good. There is no difficulty in getting beasts; most of them are hunters. Equally there is no difficulty in looking after them, for the landowner races and has stabling of quite an exceptional order, even an indoor riding school.

The day has gone when yeomen took their own horse to the war. Even so there are one or two. For the most part these are men with no previous acquaintance with a horse—men off the office stool, motor-works, hands, miners, brewers' labourers. They must have had the urge in them, for they chose to be in the cavalry and are immensely keen on their job.

They take to it quickly, many of the excellent fellows we saw at exercise today being no longer than six months in quarters. Occasionally the officers find a man who never will make much of a hand at it, and he goes on to the mechanical side.

Just because it has not suited Hitler to bomb the big towns at once—that means just nothing. Imagine your feelings if you bring them back, and in a fortnight we are bombed. With the full force and responsibility of a member of the Government, I therefore implore you to leave your children away.

Miss Ann Todd, the 29-years-old British stage and screen actress, was married at Chelsea registered office to Flight-Lieutenant Nigel Tanke, Flight-Lieutenant, Tansye, who is 30, first met Miss Todd when he was an adviser to Alexander Korda for the film "Things to Come."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1939.

King's Flax For The War

MORE ROYAL ACRES TO HELP
IRISH LINEN MAKERS

SPECIAL ORDERS FROM THE KING which reached Sandringham recently mean that more flax is to be grown on the Royal estates to meet new demands arising out of the war.

More and more flax is needed today to make linen for tent cloths and for medical supplies and it is of importance, at the same time, to maintain the peace-time export of it to the linen weavers of Belfast.

In the United States especially, the market for damask table cloths, towels, sheets and other linen goods of quality is now strongly established. Britain's export trade has been named her fourth line of defence; and apart from that, the linen trade of Northern Ireland does not want to start from scratch when the war is over.

Sandringham's flax is an important item in Belfast's annual supply and it is the King's father, whom the linen weavers of Northern Ireland have to thank in the first place for thus making them at least in part independent of foreign supplies.

Four years ago King George the Fifth first planted flax seeds in a small corner of the Sandringham farm lands. Though there were those who doubted success attended the Royal experiment and the first year's crop encouraged a further trial.

Deserving of mention, among the lesser attractions, are Hoey, Looey and Doey, three Arab policemen who have to be seen to be believed. One, when he is not sleuthing, wears proudly the quite familiar notice, if in letters of exaggerated size, "English Speaker."

Today the King and Queen each possess a handkerchief of fine Ulster linen woven from their own Sandringham flax, gifts presented to them during their visit to Northern Ireland after the Coronation.

DISADVANTAGES
OF THE KILT
POPULATION
OF WORLDAn Experiment Of
The Last War

The Times published the following letter:-

Sir—I hope it will not be considered impudent of a mere southerner to take part in the interesting correspondence in The Times about the kilt. I venture to do so because there is another side of the question which should be ventilated, even at the risk of being considered indecent.

May I be personal for a moment? The principal boy, Ali Baba, is played by Anne Organ, and the leading lady, Princess Morgiana, by Phyllis Kirby. An impressive Sultan Ahmed el Eaksheesh is Bill Kirby, while Helen Lockhart, as the Sultana, sinks well.

During the late Great War I was the writer's unique privilege to hold the rank of Rat Officer to the Second Army of the B.E.F. in France. His activities were not entirely devoted to the theoretical and practical extermination of trench rats. Occasionally other tasks came his way.

It is reported here that the Dominion Government will ask for additional £10,000,000 war appropriation in the coming session of Parliament.

This is to be spent in building up the "home front" war defences. Canada's total war expenditure this year is expected to exceed £20,000,000 and £60,000,000 for capital construction in the first year of its operation.

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One day a large wooden crate arrived from the War Office. On

opening the lid it was discovered to contain a quantity of garments—gents' underwear—and with them emerged a peculiar odour of chemicals. The crate was shortly followed by official instructions: In these it was explained that the vests and pants had been impregnated with certain poisonous chemicals which were thought to be fatal to the body louse—pediculus vestimenti—the scourge of all armies.

It was the interesting duty allotted to the present writer to carry out experiments with these garments. A small camp of bell tents was erected not too near to Poperinghe, and there came the question of obtaining the human subjects for the experiment.

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END OF GRAF SPEE

Nazi Commander Blows Up Pocket-Battleship

A Reuter message from New York states that the Nazi pocket-battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, was scuttled by her crew.

Earlier messages from Montevideo reported that the Graf Spee, in an attempt to make a bid for freedom, had sailed from the harbour at 6.19 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Sunday.

This report was followed by news from Buenos Aires which stated that the Montevideo Wireless announced that the Graf Spee would be scuttled by her crew at 11.30 p.m. (G.M.T.).

ARK ROYAL AND RENOWN ARRIVE

In the meantime a message from Rio de Janeiro stated that the British aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Ark Royal, and H.M.S. Renown had arrived at Rio de Janeiro to join the British warship waiting to put to sea to the Nazi pocket-battleship should she decide to make a dash for freedom.

CASUALTIES ON H.M.S. EXETER

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announces that five officers were killed and three wounded and 56 ratings killed and 20 wounded in H.M.S. Exeter during the engagement with the Graf Spee.

FIRST GERMAN ADMISSION

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—For the first time Germany admits that 36 were killed on board the Graf Spee.

The German News Agency states that according to reports reaching the High Command of the German Army, 36 of the crew of the Graf Spee died in action, six are seriously injured and 53 lightly wounded.

SUNK IN 25 FEET OF WATER

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee now lies sunk of the Uruguayan coast, some five miles from the entrance to Montevideo harbour, in about 25 feet of water.

This was disclosed in an official Admiralty Communiqué issued late last night, which adds that the Nazi warship was blown up by two terrific explosions after she had been abandoned by her crew.

The act of self-destruction was ordered by her Commander, Captain Landsdorf, some three hours after the Graf Spee had sailed out of Montevideo, apparently ready to run the gauntlet, although Montevideo wireless messages announced that it was the intention of Captain Landsdorf to scuttle his ship.

WAITED AT ENTRANCE

After leaving Montevideo Harbour, the Graf Spee waited at the entrance for some time, as though uncertain of the action to be taken. She then proceeded slowly up the Plate Estuary in the direction of Buenos Aires.

Then, unexpectedly, she turned completely about and, coming down the Estuary at a fairly high speed, with a large Swastika flag flying gallantly from her main mast she halted about five miles from the nearest shore.

ORDER GIVEN

The order was given to the crew to abandon the ship and within five minutes after the order had been carried out, with the men standing off some hundreds of yards saluting, two terrific explosions occurred and she sank within seconds.

CRUISERS HUNT DEUTSCHLAND

Possible Refuge At Murmansk

When the war began the combined strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy in cruisers was 58 ships.

A considerable proportion of this strength is now engaged in the search for the Deutschland and her still more elusive sister ship, the Admiral Scheer.

All the evidence goes to show that the latter is still somewhere far away in the southern hemisphere, but the Deutschland was unquestionably in the area between Iceland and the Shetlands.

One of the handicaps of the cruisers hunting for the Deutschland is the shortness of the days in those latitudes at this time of year—something less than five hours.

To this, and to the obscurity caused by heavy rain, was due the success of the Deutschland in eluding the cruiser, which tried to keep her in sight after her flight to the Rawalpindi.

BREMEN'S EXAMPLE

It is more likely that she has taken refuge at Murmansk, following the example set by her erstwhile-prize, the City of Flint, and

WHY DID THE COMMANDER OF THE GRAF SPEE CHANGE HIS PLANS?

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The ignominious end of the Graf Spee appears to have been contrary to the personal wishes of her Commander, otherwise it is difficult to explain the extensive repairs effected on board before her departure.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS

During all Saturday and Sunday night, the sky in Montevideo Harbour was illuminated vividly by electric welders as new plates were affixed on her damaged hull. The big holes in the control-tower were patched up and as she sailed out of the harbour it was difficult, except for an expert, to detect signs of the mauling she received in last Wednesday's naval battle.

ORIGINAL PLAN

Until her sudden right about face in the Rio de la Plata, it was believed that Captain Landsdorf might adhere to his original plan, which it is believed envisaged a journey to Buenos Aires to gain time while submarines and perhaps other surface craft were ready to join in an action against the Allied armada at the entrance to the estuary.

SCUTTLED SHIP IN PROTEST

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Thousands of spectators saw smoke rise slowly to the sky, followed by a gigantic burst of flame and an explosion. The flame rose hundreds of feet and the crowds on the shore ran in all directions.

It is learned that before sailing, Captain Landsdorf wrote a letter to the German Minister protesting bitterly against the Uruguayan Government's refusal to allow more time for repairs.

He said that in view of the Government's attitude and his responsibility for the lives of 1,000 men, his only course was to save the crew and to blow up the vessel in the vicinity of the port of Montevideo as a protest.

NAZI STATEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The News Agency issued this statement: "The Government of Uruguay refused to grant the time necessary for the repairs of the Graf Spee and the Commander, therefore, decided to scuttle his ship outside Uruguayan territorial waters."

GRAF SPEE

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EXETER'S WOUNDED

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—It is learned that eight doctors have been sent to the Falkland Islands from the Argentine to attend to the wounded of H.M.S. Exeter.

The disabled cruiser has now arrived safely in the British Naval Base in the Falklands. The extent of the damage to the ship has not been revealed.

OFFICERS AT SALUTE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—From the roof of the Montevideo Hotel the New York Times' correspondent saw Captain Landsdorf and the other officers standing at the salute in the launch to watch the Graf Spee as she sank.

Captain Landsdorf pressed an electric button as the rim of the sun sank below the horizon dyed the sky a brilliant red.

The button was on the end of a long cable leading to planted explosives in the magazine. Its effectiveness was terrific for, in ten minutes, flames were roaring along the entire length of the ship accompanied by constant explosions.

"She burned for 80 minutes and the explosions continued to the end."

SEEN BY THOUSANDS

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The Graf Spee blew herself up and sank in the main anchorage where she will be a serious hindrance to port traffic.

There is great indignation here over this and many think that an incident between the two countries may result, because it is thought that the Graf Spee acted under orders from Berlin.

IMMENSE FLAMES

As the Graf Spee settled down the escaping fuel oil set fire to and enveloped the super-structure in flames and the immense surface of the sea was illuminated.

The fire burned out at 9.28 p.m. when little of the battleship was showing above the water.

The dramatic effect of the flames was enhanced by constant explosions as the fire, which was also burning under water, reached the shells.

YANGTSE RE-OPENING

Continued from Page 1

Military and Naval authorities in the field in Central China.

The omnibus reads: "Conditions along the lower Yangtse River have of late permitted the gradual relaxation of absolute military requirements which have necessitated the closure of the river."

"In view of the above, and in order to meet this situation, the Japanese Military and Naval authorities in the field have decided to launch various preparations with the view of re-opening the Yangtse below Nanking subject to restrictions necessitated by military requirements and measures for the maintenance of peace and order."

Foreign shippers are reserving their judgment till they see whether the re-opening really promises a general re-



Dr. Hans Frank, newly-appointed Governor-General for the Polish territories occupied by Germany. He was formerly Nazi Reich Minister of Justice.

THE FESTIVE MEAL

This selection may help you!

SOUP

— Amontillado Fino Sherry

FISH

— Chateau Carbonneux 1929.

ENTREE

— Chateau La Tour du Roc 1933

TURKEY

— Pommery and Greno Champagne

SWEET

— Finest Sauternes

CHEESE

— Offley's 1924 Port

COFFEE

— F.O.V. Liqueur Brandy

or

a BOLS Liqueur.

"The Connoisseur Comes to Caldbeck's"

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ANOTHER FINNISH APPEAL FOR HELP

COMMON CAUSE OF JUSTICE

Helsinki, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Another appeal to the world for help was made by the Finnish President, M. Kallio, in a broadcast talk to the Finnish Army yesterday. After greeting "the defenders of our independence," the President said that they see more active help than they had hitherto obtained.

COMMON CAUSE

As their cause is the cause of the whole civilised world, they believed that civilised nations could not leave them to fight alone on this front.

We do not deny that the nearest to our hearts are our own homes, land, culture and our whole social system in which we have become rooted and which is now threatened with destruction.

"But it is through these values that we have been able to contribute our service to the world's culture. Therefore, we dare hope that these common principles of justice will also be commonly defended."

Madame Kallio also addressed the nation.

NELSON AS EXAMPLE

A young recruit called up under the Military Training Act passed part of his medical examination at Newcastle, but was then found to be blind in one eye, and was rejected.

Making an indignant protest, he said: "The best fighter Great Britain ever had had only one eye, and we put up a monument to him."

A later message from Montevideo stated that a boat from an Argentine cruiser picked up the Captain and chief officers of the Graf Spee.

POPULARIZING PAYING FOR THE WAR

The Press Association learns that a campaign is to be conducted by Lord Mottistone, chairman of the National Savings Committee, to "popularize payment for the war."

In view of the above, and in order to meet this situation, the Japanese Military and Naval authorities in the field have decided to launch various preparations with the view of re-opening the Yangtse below Nanking subject to restrictions necessitated by military requirements and measures for the maintenance of peace and order."

It is understood that arrangements are being made for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to open the campaign towards the end of the month with an address to the nation, possibly at a public meeting.

Assumption of normal trade or whether restrictions will be enforced in such a way as to keep the Yangtse closed to all but Japanese shipping.

THE HONG KONG PENINSULA HOTEL; HONGKONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL & SHANGHAI HOTELS LIMITED.

In association with the Grand Hotel des Wagons Lits, Peking.

SOVIET TROOPS MAKING HEADWAY IN NORTH OF FINLAND

PEARL RIVER CLOSED, BUT NOT TO JAPANESE

FINNS' DEFENCES THREATENED

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The latest news here regarding the progress of the war in Finland shows that the Finns are successfully resisting in the Karelian Isthmus.

North Lake Ladoga, Soviet attacks are repulsed.

In the north the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two. At least two Russian columns are active with this aim in view and the opinion here is that they will be dangerous to the future Finnish defence if they continue to make their present headway.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

HELSINKI, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—A Finnish communiqué states that the advance continues slowly on the Tolvajärvi Front.

All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on Russian battalions.

It was semi-officially announced that 178 Russian tanks were destroyed or captured since the war began.

SOVIET ADVANCE

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—A Soviet communiqué claims that Soviet troops advanced to 46 miles south of Petsamo, and also to a point 81 miles on the west frontier in the Utsja Sector.

FINNISH CLAIMS

HELSINKI, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Finnish troops north of Lake Ladoga yesterday routed a large force of the Red Army which retreated in disorder.

The Red Army keeps up mass infantry assaults on the Mannerheim Line without success.

Yesterday afternoon, following intense artillery preparation, a violent attack was launched in which their casualties are estimated at over 3,000.

IN THE NORTH

In the extreme north, according to an official bulletin, the enemy made no important gains since Saturday.

The Finnish Air Force was active on all fronts, bombing Soviet concentrations, columns and mechanized units.

MARRIAGE FEE FOR MEN IN THE SERVICES

The question of reducing the price of marriage licences for men in the Services, so that they may marry when on short leave, is being considered by the authorities.

In the ordinary way a licence for such a marriage would cost approximately 2s. 6d. for a church wedding. The lower rate applies only when due notice of marriage is given.—The Times.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Tuesday, the 19th December, 1939
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35 Han-
kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF TOYS

also

SUNDAY GOODS

and

Australian Hams, "Atlas" Brand
(to be sold singly)

On View from Monday, the 18th
December, 1939.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions from The Liquidators
of Messrs. F. Feld & Co. (in
liquidation)

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday the 22nd, December 1939
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at the office of Messrs. F. Feld
& Co. (in liquidation) Second Floor,
French Bank Building, Queen's
Road, Central.

A QUANTITY OF OFFICE
FURNITURE

comprising—

Large Iron Safe, Typewriters,
Desks, Chairs, Ceiling Fan, Electric
Lights, Counter Glass Show-
cases, Cupboards, etc. etc.

Terms: As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS

H.K. STOCK
EXCHANGE

The market opened with a fair
enquiry but, as the day wore on
buyers became listless. Offerings
were not on any extensive scale,
but traders interests appeared to
flag, although Hongkong Banks
& Unions remain fair demand.

BUYERS

Union Ins., \$400.
Douglas, \$714.

Humphreys, \$7.80.
Star Ferries, \$66.

Yaumati Ferries, \$234.
Electrics, \$53.

Sandakan Lights, \$11.70.
Telephones (O), \$82.

Entertainments, \$6.60.

SELLERS

H.K. Bank, \$1355.
H. & S. Hotels, \$515.

Lands, \$34.

Tramways, \$174.

Telephones (O), \$254.

Cements, \$162.

Dairy Farms (O), \$22.

SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1350.
Docks, \$14.45/50.

H.K. Mines, 4 cts.

Realties, \$4.40.

China Lights (O), \$8.20.

Watsons, \$8.85.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 174b, Antanok 15b,
Baguio Gold 15b, Batong Buahay
17b, Con. Mines 0025s, Demonstration
11s, East Mindanao 11s, LXL
40b, Ipo Gold 13b, Itogon Mining
27s, Manbalao Con. 015b, Mashate
Con. 104s, Mind Motherlode 084b,
Mine Operation 104s, North
Camarines 18s, Paracale Gumaus
194s, San Mauricio 80s, Surigao
Con. 154b, Suyoc Con. 134b, Syndicate
Inv. 019b, United Paracale
32s.

Finance and Commerce

Sandakan Light & Power
Co., (1922) Ltd: Seventeenth
Annual Meeting

A reduction in the number of units sold for lighting was given by the chairman as the reason for the slight decrease in the profits of the Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd., at the Company's 17th, annual general meeting held yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—

The profit for the year ended June 30 last is \$51,375.27, as compared with \$58,572.79 for the previous year, a reduction of \$7,197.52. This is due mostly to a reduction in the number of units sold for lighting.

AN IMPROVEMENT

The decrease in lighting units was partly offset by an increase in power units sold but the percentage of profit per unit overall was considerably reduced. There is no very apparent reason for the reduced demand for lighting and I am glad to report that there has been an improvement since the close of the financial year.

A number of tubes in the Nos. 1 and 2 boilers have been renewed. This expenditure has been charged to the account now before you and the manager and resident engineer reports that the plant is in sound working order and the buildings have been kept in good repair.

LITTLE COMMENT NEEDED

The accounts, I think, call for little comment from the Chair. Depreciation has been provided on the usual basis on buildings, plant and machinery and suitable provision has been made for obsoles-

ADJUSTMENT
OF RICE PRICES
IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Central)—More than 30 public organisations in Shanghai are forming a Shanghai Citizens' Foodstuffs Adjustment Association with a view to stabilising the rice prices which have soared skyhigh recently.

The Shanghai Beans and Rice Merchants Union, at a meeting on Saturday, passed a resolution to further lower the price to \$40 for best quality and \$32 for second quality rice.

The meeting also decided to petition the Shanghai Municipal Council to protect legitimate rice merchants.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Croucher and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. B. Braga and Mr. S. M. Churn, retiring directors, were re-elected on a motion by Mr. B. C. Travadia, seconded by Mr. K. C. Mark.

Mr. H. Dreyer proposed the re-election of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Mathew as auditors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Travadia and carried.

The meeting then terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

ATTENDANCE

The following were present:—

Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields (chairman)

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 18.
DEC.

Buyers Sellers Sales Nominal

Buyers Sellers Sales Nominal</div

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

HELPING INDUSTRY

Contribution From Textiles

Attention was recently directed to the way in which the textile industry had been able to meet the sudden demand for "black-out" material.

That was but one phase of the changes in the industry due to the war. Another was the extremely efficient way in which the call for materials for uniforms is being met.

The Government orders come cheerful colours, a valuable contribution at this time when relief of that kind was most welcome. First in importance and urgency, but other voluntary and semi-voluntary organisations are also providing for large orders, and all are nevertheless being completed very rapidly.

Within, the organisation of the industry is so complete that it has still been found possible to carry on more normal activities. It is obvious that clothes will wear out and so must be replaced, and while fashion parades have taken on a different aspect to what was contemplated a month or two back, they are being held and stimulating buying to a useful degree.

UTILITY THEME

Manufacturers are helping as much as they can, and the two trade displays recently held in London in connection with the lace and wool industries have demonstrated the vitality of both.

They showed that fashion designers are recognising that in such times as these utility must be given a little more attention than it might receive in other years.

The wool display emphasised that, but it also brought out most clearly the fact that it is now possible to produce fabrics which, while they provide ample warmth and protection from the weather, are yet light and, what is even more important, enable charming effects of line and roll, to be secured and retained during the life of the garment.

Not the least important side of this matter of furthering the use of wool is that it will reflect beneficially on Empire trade, and that was shown at the recent parade.

The South African representative of the International Wool Secretariat, at whose showrooms the wool display was staged, pointed out the prominence of serviceability in the models on view, and also drew attention to the way in which the material lent itself to styling and fashioning.

There was another side, too, in that the woollen fabrics were of

Free China Has Bumper Rice Crop In 1939

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (C.I.C.)—During 1939, the total rice production in the fifteen provinces of Free China amounted to 422,000,000 quintals, according to a report of the National Agricultural Research Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. This figure, continued the report, represents a seven per cent increase over the total production of 1938 or an eight per cent increase over the average of the last seven years before the war. The 1939 figures even shattered the all time 1931 high when a total of 412,000,000 quintals of rice were produced in the fifteen inland provinces of China.

The increase in the rice production of Free China is significant in view of the fact that the total acreage of paddy fields in 1939 was considerably reduced by the loss of the rich rice-producing regions along the lower Yangtze and certain districts of the southern provinces, the report pointed out. It further stated that no less than 21 per cent of the total national production of rice were lost as a result of the loss of these coastal areas to the Japanese.

PRICE ADJUSTMENT

The increase in the rice output in the fifteen provinces of Free China during the year under review has not only provided sufficient food for the people in the interior but it has also brought about surplus production in many places.

In this connection, it is interesting to point out that the Chinese Government has appropriated a sum of \$62,825,000 to buy surplus rice from the farmers in Free China so as to forestall a slump of the price of rice.

The total acreage of rice fields in the fifteen provinces under Chinese control during 1939 was given by the Bureau at 218,000,000 mow (a mow is 1/8 of an acre), representing a one per cent de-

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 18, 1939

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 2/3 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4
On Shanghai:—
On demand 315
On Singapore:—
On demand 12 3/4
On Japan:—
On demand 03 1/4
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
and demand 1/2 1/2
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 3/8
Credits, 60 days' sight 25
On Batavia:—
On demand 45 3/8
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 10/90
Credits 4 months' sight 11/45
On Saigon:—
On demand 12 1/2
On Manila:—
On demand 48 3/4
On Bangkok:—
On demand 148 1/2
Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/4/
Bar Silver per oz 23 3/8

Market Report

FROM BOZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 233 3/8 for Ready and 239 1/8 for Forward. Silver advices were not received. American Silver was quoted at 343 3/4 for Spot.

The London-N.Y. cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 394.

Market

Steady but quiet.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/3 December, 1/2 31/32 March and 1/2 15/16 June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24/9/18 December, 24/7/16 January and 24/5/16 February, buyers at 24/5/8 Cash and 24/1/2 January.

Shanghai Dollars

Shortly after the opening there were sellers at 323. At the close sellers were quoted at 321 1/2 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4/19/32 and U.S. Dollars at 7/17/32 for Spot. The market closed steadier with sellers of Sterling at 4/41/32 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 7/5/8 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

The market was featureless in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December, 1/2 31/32 March and 1/2 15/16 June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 24/9/18 December, 24/7/16 January and 24/5/16 February, buyers at 24/5/8 Cash and 24/1/2 January.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at the opening at 321 and at the close sellers were quoted at 315 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Steady in the afternoon. Opened with sellers of Sterling at 4/41/32 and at the close sellers were quoted at 4/45/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 18 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4
New York 6-7/8
Japan 28-1/4
India 23-1/2
Paris 3-11
Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers

Opening 0/4-1/4
Spot 0/4-41/32 0/4-11/16
Dec. 0/4-41/32 0/4-11/16
Jan. 0/4-39/32 0/4-21/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$7-5/8 \$7-11/16
Dec. 7-18/32 7-21/32
Jan. 7-1/2 7-9/16

Market:—Quiet.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-21/32.

U.S. Dollars, \$7-5/8.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

British & American Tobacco Company in "occupied" areas.

Marketing facilities, however, are provided for Japanese tobacco companies.

PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONG

POWER PRODUCTION

Alternative Sources Of Energy

While the search for new fuels and experiments to secure better results from the old ones go forward with unabated vigour and there is intense competition between internal combustion engines and steam prime movers, a great deal of attention continues to be given to the possibilities of the utilisation of natural forms of energy.

Principally this takes the form of harnessing the flow or fall of the water, and nowadays it is possible to secure machines in a wide range of sizes for such a purpose, one which has been found particularly suitable for powering electrical generators.

In fact, the variety of prime movers that may now be used according to local conditions is emphasised by some B.T.H. installations, such as the four 13,333 k.v.a. water wheel alternators in the Punjab; the six 2,500 k.v.a. diesel-driven sets at an Australian ore-crushing station, three 470 k.v.a. gas-engine driven alternators in Rhodesian gold mine and the 3,000 k.v.a. alternator at Jerusalem mounted on the crankshaft of a 4,000 h.p. engine.

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Such installations, on account of the high degree of automatic operation, is that which includes two English Electric 1,450 h.p. horizontal reaction turbines which obtain their energy from the Victoria Falls, supply electric current to the town of Livingstone.

The new plant at the Wataki power station in New Zealand has two sets, each comprising two vertical shaft reaction turbines of 23,000 h.p. by the English Electric Co. Ltd.

It is natural that these powerful units have been installed on account of the high degree of automatic operation, is that which includes two English Electric 1,450 h.p. horizontal reaction turbines which obtain their energy from the Victoria Falls, supply electric current to the town of Livingstone.

Associated with them have been representatives of trawler owners and other Government departments and trade unions.

The result is that a national advisory council, consisting of employers, unions and Government departments, with the function of informing and advising the Ministers interested in the industry, is now in process of formation.

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The council will have the task of handling almost every problem of the industry with the exception of the fixing of prices which is the function of the Ministry of Food.

Furthermore, the makers of these machines have drawn up simple instructions by means of which sufficient information as to the volume and flow of the water may be obtained to enable the most suitable machine to be selected for the purpose.

It is a matter which is well worth consideration by those who have water flowing through their land, especially if they are faced with any difficulties in obtaining fuel for other forms of power.

In the meantime considerable progress has been made in other fields of electric generation. In steam-driven sets pressure and temperatures have been rising as may be illustrated by the set built by the B.T.H. Company for the Detroit Edison Company.

It is a super-imposed unit and the turbine will take steam at 800 lb. per square inch gauge pressure, 900 degrees F., and exhaust steam at 400 lb. per square inch gauge pressure into the steam heater feeding in parallel with the low pressure boilers, the other sets in the station.

Considerable advance has been registered in many departments of boiler design and construction leading to increased efficiency and the obtaining of the utmost economy from the fuel used, whether it be coal or oil.

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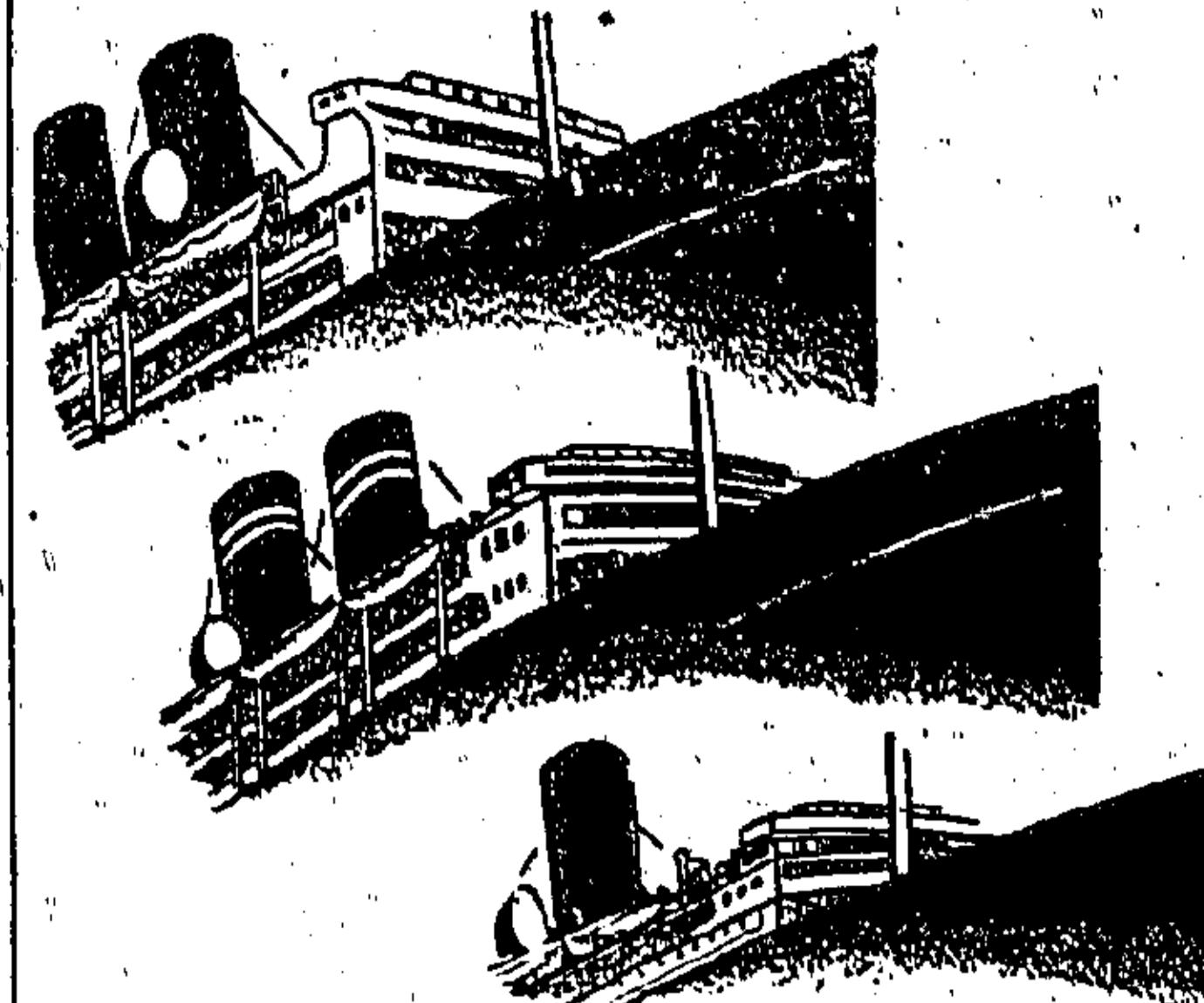
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